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In re the application of:

Kevin J. Mills et al.

Serial No.: 10/774,761

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)**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e)**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the undersigned. The Examiner is requested to make these references a part of the official record in this application. In as much as all of the information is in the English language, no statement of relevancy is being submitted.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a) exists.

The submission of the foregoing materials is not an admission that they constitute prior art to the above-referenced application. The undersigned request that the Examiner make an independent determination of whether any or all of the above materials constitute prior art based on the facts presented.

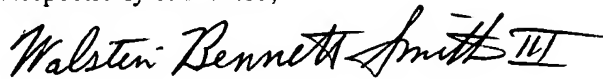
A copy of each document is enclosed. Some of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

These documents are not necessarily analogous art.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, or should the Examiner have any other questions or comments regarding the Information Disclosure Statement, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called at the number indicated below so that any deficiencies can be remedied.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by the above papers to Deposit Account No. 50-0689.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AA	6	2	9	3	4	6	4	9/25/01	Smalley, Jr, Jared Joseph	235	435	1/5/99						
	AB	6	2	2	2	7	2	6	4/24/01	Cha, Jung-Woo	361	683	4/7/99						
	AC	6	1	0	2	7	1	4	8/15/00	Oliphant et al	439	131	3/17/99						
	AD	6	0	9	7	0	0	5	8/2000	Klatt et al	361	737							
	AE	6	0	8	1	1	3	7	7/2000	Fukada	257	679							
	AF	6	0	8	5	4	1	2	7/2000	Iwasaki	29	827							
	AG	6	0	5	3	7	4	8	4/25/00	Bricaud et al.	439	76.1	4/17/97						
	AH	6	0	0	2	6	0	5	12/1999	Iwasaki et al	365	51							
	AI	5	9	3	3	3	2	8	8/3/99	Wallace et al	257	678	7/28/98						
	AJ	5	9	2	8	3	4	7	7/27/99	Jones	710	129	11/18/97						
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	DA	GB 2365182 B							2/2004	United Kingdom			(original in English)						
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	CA	MultiMediaCard System Summay Version 2.0, MMCA, January 1999.																	
	CB	Wes Brewer, Smart Solutions for Smart Phones, SanDisk Corporation, 1998.																	
	CC	CompactFlash Specification Revision 1.3, CompactFlash Association, 1998.																	
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	AL	5	6	9	2	2	1	3	4/6/99	Ito et al.	235	441	5/5/98
	AM	5	8	8	7	1	4	5	3/23/99	Harari et al.	395	282	1/9/97
	AN	5	8	7	6	2	1	8	3/2/99	Liebenow et al.	439	74	5/28/97
	AO	5	8	3	8	1	0	8	11/17/98	Daberko et al	704	270	3/7/96
	AR	5	8	1	8	0	3	0	10/6/98	Reyes	235	492	1/23/97
	AQ	5	7	5	2	8	5	7	5/1998	Knights	439	638	
	AR	5	6	7	8	0	0	7	10/1997	Poldevin et al	439	76.1	
	AS	5	6	7	5	7	3	4	10/7/97	Hair	395	200.01	2/27/96
	AT	5	6	7	1	3	7	4	9/23/97	Postman et al.	395	309	4/25/95

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	CD <i>PC Cards and CompactFlash Size CF+ Cards for Ethernet, Serial Communications, Bar Code Scanning and Data Collection,</i> <i>Socket Communications, Inc., 1998.</i>
	CF <i>SanDisk CompatFlash, SanDisk Corporation, April 1998.</i> 
	CF <i>SanDisk MultiMediaCard, SanDisk Corporation, November 1997.</i> 

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	AW	5	6	1	9	3	9	6	4/8/97	Gee et al.	361	686	2/21/95
	AX	5	6	1	5	3	4	4	3/25/97	Corder	309	309	11/12/92
	AY	5	6	1	1	0	5	7	3/1997	Pecone et al	710	102	
	AZ	5	6	1	1	0	5	5	3/11/97	Krishan et al.	395	281	9/27/94
	BA	5	6	7	9	4	3	0	11/16/96	Grill et al.	395	2.12	1/26/95
	BB	5	5	6	6	2	3	0	10/1996	Silverbrook	395	173	
	BC	5	5	6	3	4	9	0	10/8/96	Le Roux	235	486	10/12/94
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	CG	30 April 2001 PCT Written Opinion for related International application No. PCT/US00/12796, filed 09 May 2000
	CH	2003 April 24 UK Examination Report (case subsequently patented as GB 2365182 B, above)
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	BG	5	4	9	1	7	7	4	2/13/96	Norris et al	395	2.79	4/19/94	
	BH	5	2	9	1	5	8	4	3/1/94	Challa et al	395	500	7/23/91	
	BI	5	1	8	4	2	8	2	2/2/93	Kaneda et al.	361	395	8/11/89	
	BJ	5	0	4	9	7	2	8	9/17/91	Rovin	235	492	4/4/90	
	BK	4	7	4	4	0	0	6	5/1988	Dufield	361	686		
	BL	6	6	9	1	1	9	6	2/2004	Mills et al.				
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	BQ	5	9	7	1	2	8	0	10/1999	Hoolhorst											
	BR	5	3	2	0	5	9	2	6/1994	Reichardt et al.											
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